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In response to the Office Action mailed on May 7, 2003, Applicants hereby provisionally elect, with traverse, to prosecute the claims of Group II (claims 6-10, 11-17, and 22-23) in the present application.

However, applicants respectfully traverse the restriction requirement since the subject matter of all of claims 1-25 is sufficiently related that a thorough and complete search for the subject matter of the elected claims would necessarily encompass a thorough and complete search for the subject matter of the non-elected claims. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the restriction requirement be withdrawn and that the present application be examined according to MPEP § 803 so as to avoid unnecessary delay and expense to the Applicants and improper duplicative examination by the Patent Office.

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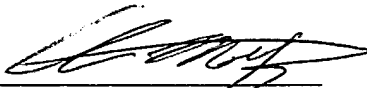
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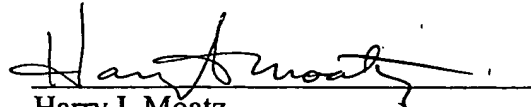
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